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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 18-25 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 12, and 15 have been amended. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 18-25 will be pending in this application. Claims 13 and 14 have been withdrawn from consideration.

In the Office Action mailed February 23, 2007, claims 1-5, 7-8, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,650,871 to Cannon et al. ("Cannon") in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0198342 to Blickberndt et al. ("Blickberndt"). Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon in combination with Blickberndt as applied to claims 1 and 7 respectively, above and further in view of Underwood. Claims 15-16 and 18-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0236091 to Wonak et al. ("Wonak") in view of Cannon and Blickberndt.

The following remarks are organized under subheadings corresponding to the rejections.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 7 should be withdrawn because each claim as presently amended recites at least one feature that is not taught or suggested by the combination of Cannon and Blickberndt. In particular, claim 1, for example, has been amended to recite a system for exchanging data and audio between a cellular phone and landline phone that includes,

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among other things, a man machine interface configured to indicate the presence or absence of registered cellular telephones within a wireless communications range. This feature is also recited in substantially similar form in claim 7. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in paragraph [0039] of the present specification, which discloses a man machine interface that indicates the presence or absence of registered cellular telephones within a wireless communications range by, for example, providing a dialing menu that lists of only those cellular phones within range of the base station. This man machine interface recited in claims amended 1 and 7 is not disclosed or suggested in Cannon or Blickberndt. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 7 are patentable over the cited art. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5 and claims 8 and 11 depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively. They thereby include all the limitations of their respective base claims and are accordingly patentable over the cited art for at least the reasons that apply to claims 1 and 7, as stated above. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2-5, 8, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) also be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of claims 6 and 12 as being unpatentable over Cannon in view of Blickberndt and further in view of Underwood was predicated upon the rejection of their respective base claims 1 and 7. As noted above, all the claims depending from claims 1 and 7, of which claims 6 and 12 are included, should be patentable over the combination of Cannon and Blickberndt. The teachings of Underwood do not cure the defects in the teachings of Blickberndt

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and Cannon. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) also be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 15-16 and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 7 should be withdrawn because each claim as presently amended recites at least one feature that is not taught or suggested by the combination Wonak, Cannon, and Blickberndt. Independent claim 15 has been amended to recite a method for establishing wireless communications between a cellular and landline phone, including providing a menu that indicates the presence or absence of cellular telephones registered with the landline telephone within a wireless communication range. This feature, which is substantially similar to a feature added to independent claims 1 and 7 discussed above, is also missing from the teachings of Cannon and Blickberndt, as well as Wonak. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 15, as well as dependent claims 16 and 18-25 thereto, are patentable over the cited art. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 15-16 and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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